

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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PROCESS FOR SELECTIVE
OXIDATION OF PRIMARY
ALCOHOLS AND NOVEL
CARBOHYDRATE ALDEHYDES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Cancel claims 1-18.

Add the following new claims:

--19. (New) A process for oxidizing a primary alcohol using a nitroxyl compound and an oxidizing agent characterized in that the primary alcohol is oxidized in the presence of an enzyme capable of oxidation and/or in the presence of a metal complex, in an aqueous medium, or in a mixture of water with an alcohol, an ether or a water-immiscible organic solvent.

--20. (New) A process according to Claim 19, wherein the nitroxyl compound is a di-tert-nitroxyl compound,